



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, April 28, 2014**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor and Olson were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard. Executive Director Jared Hoadley and Assistant Superintendents Dorcas Wylder, Susana Reyes and Ken Russell were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2014, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Mt. Spokane High School Principal Darren Nelson introduced sophomore Madaleine Osmun who is the new student representative for Eastern Washington to the State Board of Education. Selected from a large pool of high school candidates, Madaleine was one of four finalists interviewed for the two-year position. Madaleine explained the interview process that included an individual speech on an education topic followed by a group discussion. The State Board of Education meets every other month at a variety of locations throughout the state.

Superintendent Rockefeller introduced high school students Camryn Breneman, Gillian Hallock and Rylee Goff who were the Student Team Leaders for the Big Build 354. Referring to the cover story of the April 2014 issue of Mead Matters, Superintendent Rockefeller explained that more than 200 Mead School District students, staff, administrators and community members gathered at Second Harvest Food Bank on March 8 for the Big Build 354 where they assembled 7,500 *A Bite 2 Go* weekend meal kits for needy students. As Student Team Leaders, Camryn, Gillian and Rylee were solely responsible for recruiting local business partners for the Big Build 354. Each of the girls introduced their parents and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Superintendent Rockefeller and the Mead School District Board of Directors.

ASB President Max Alley, accompanied by several students from the ASB class, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. The Senior Prom is Saturday, May 3, interviews and the selection of next year's ASB class just took place (45 students applied for 18 spots), AP testing starts May 6 and Senior Presentations take place May 13 and May 14 in the evening. Max explained this was his last board meeting and that next year's ASB President, River Baker, would represent Mead High School at upcoming board meetings.

The Mead High School Jazz Choir, under the direction of teacher Mike Saccomanno, was in attendance. Three students spoke briefly about the choir program at Mead High School and their recent trip to the Monterey Jazz Festival. The group then performed two songs. The first featured a solo by senior Jackson St. Clair. Mr. Saccomanno thanked the school board for their support and extended an invitation to the May 16, 2014, concert at St. John's Cathedral. Each board member offered words of encouragement and praise to Mr. Saccomanno and the Mead High School Jazz Choir citing programs like this are the board's motivation to defend and fight for a strong public education opportunity in the Mead School District.

Expressing excitement about the skills and expertise she will bring to the Mead School District, Superintendent Rockefeller introduced Dr. Pam Veltri who, on July 1, 2014, will assume the role of Curriculum & Instruction Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Veltri, who comes from Medical Lake where she has served as the Superintendent of Schools for the past 14 years, indicated it is a pleasure to be joining the Mead team.

The board welcomed two M.E.A.D. students who were in attendance fulfilling requirements for a civics class.

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Olson positively commented on the retirement of Shiloh Hills teacher Karen Schiffner and her noteworthy, 42-year career as an educator. Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of March 2014

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of March 2014.

B. Business Services Report

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard reviewed the goal areas for the four departments that fall under the Business Services umbrella - (1) Accounting/Budgeting/Finance (2) Facilities Planning/Maintenance/Custodial (3) Child Nutrition/Food Service (4) Transportation - emphasizing the "support" each of these departments provide to the students, staff and patrons of the Mead School District.

Mr. Leonard shared central administration and support services expenditures for the past five years, which have remained, as a percentage of the total budget, flat/consistent over that time period. Mr. Leonard pointed out that even though there are often rumors of the district adding more and more administrative positions those rumors are incorrect as evidenced by the presented five-year expenditure comparison. A five-year fund balance comparison was also shared illustrating the district's fund balance is in line with board policy calling for a goal of 3-6%.

Food service receipts/expenditures, and number of meals served for the past five years, was also shared. On average, for the past five years, the program is financially self-sufficient. There has been, however, a decrease in the number of meals served since 2008-09 due primarily to the new federal healthy meal regulations and the fact that not as many students like the new menu options.

The transportation department has a fleet of 106 buses, up 8 buses from the 2009-10 school year, with approximately 3,600 students riding to and from school each day (one-third of the total school district population). For 2013-14 the department will have expenditures of nearly \$5 million with state revenue of approximately \$2.8 million. Mr. Leonard also shared a bus inventory bar graph showing, by year acquired, the district's bus fleet. The oldest bus still in service was acquired in 1984.

Information on the district's motor pool and facilities was also shared.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller gave a short status report on the new 1080 instructional hours legislation. He additionally reported that the District 5 school board vacancy is being advertised in the Spokesman Review and is posted on the district homepage as well as on school webpages throughout the district.

VII. Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:40 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

President

Secretary